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REMARKS

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1. In mid-March 1954, the bulk of troops and weapons stationed in former Army Clothing Depot I, (4244) Bernau, had left. On 21 March, the depot was occupied by only about 800 troops, about 30 trucks, 1 light AT gun. On 21 March, a unit, presumably from Luftnachrichten Kaserne (4241), was entrained at the Bernau railroad station and left toward Eberswalde. The shipment included 7 BA-64 armored scout cars and 4 three-axle armored personnel carriers, about 20 trucks and about 150 to 200 troops. A second shipment of about 30 trucks, 2 jeeps, 2 field kitchens, 1 repair shop truck, 3 ambulances, 6 trucks, each carrying 1 x 120-mm mortar and in- 3 ZIS-3 trucks, and about 200 troops was entrained in Bernau on the same day. On 21 March, about 15 T-34/85 tanks, 2 JS tanks and about 10 trucks, were assembled in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne for en- training. In the afternoon, about 30 trucks, 1 tank truck arrived at the Bernau railroad station from the direc- tion of the autobahn.
2. Loadings and unloadings observed at the Bernau railroad station on 22 March included:

From 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Unloading of about 22 caterpillar tractors, 22 x 100-mm AT guns, about 20 trucks, including 2 ambulances, 1 radio truck, 1 repair shop truck, and about 10 to 15 boxcars for Army Clothing Depot I.

In the morning, loading of 7 T-34/85 tanks, and 11 guns presumably light field guns; about 20 trucks, 1 ambulance, 1 radio truck, and about 10 to 15 boxcars. The materiel had presumably come from Luftnachrichten Kaserne and left at 11:50 a.m. toward Eberswalde.

At about noon, loading of 6 JS tanks, about 6 guns, presumably light field guns; 2 57-mm AT guns, about 30 trucks, 2 radio trucks, 1 tank truck, 2 field kitchens and about 25 boxcars.

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3. On 22 March, former Army Clothing Depot I was occupied by an estimated 2,000 troops. Vehicles and heavy weapons were again observed in the installation.

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25X1 4. [REDACTED] the troops stationed in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne left their installation. In the evening on 22 March, about 35 trucks were loaded at the installation. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation.

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25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] 7 trains were loaded in Bernau on 21 and 22 March, with 5 trains being dispatched to Mirow and 2 trains to Neustrelitz. Available information tends to indicate that elements of the following units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div were entrained: elements of the 35th Gds Mecz Regt, including 15 tanks of the tank battalion, on 21 March; and elements of the 34th Tank Tng Bn (US), including 7 tanks; as well as JS tanks of the 82d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt from Eberswalde, on 22 March. Elements of the 71st Light Arty Brig (US) were simultaneously entrained, presumably in 2 shipments. The observations indicate that, after 22 March, exercises of the reinforced 6th Gds Mecz Div were to start in the Mueritz Lake-Neuruppin area, in which the reinforced 25th Tank Div had conducted exercises between 6 and 10 March.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Return of a unit of the 71st Light Arty Brig (US) which, on 16 March, presumably left Bernau for the Lieberose area, where maneuvers of

25X1 the 7th Gds Mecz Div were believed to have been held. [REDACTED]

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